



**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

**AMENDED
AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. ROLL CALL QUORUM: YES X NO
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 27, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*

PRESENTATION:

BIS DIGITAL: *Robert Dozier*

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TERM EXPIRATION AND VACANCY

- 1. **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**: *Three Term Expirations & One Vacancy in December*
- 2. **COASTAL RDC HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**: *One Vacancy*
- 3. **PLANNING COMMISSION**: *Term Expiration in December*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS TERM EXPIRATIONS AND VACANCIES

- 1. **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**: *Vacancy*
- 2. **PLANNING COMMISSION**: *One Vacancy*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- VI. **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **DIGITAL COURT AND COUNCIL CHAMBER RECORDING SYSTEM**: *Bid Award. TAB "A"*
 - B. **ETHIC ORDINANCE**: *Second Reading..... TAB "B"*
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RESOLUTION**: *GDOT Roadside Enhancement & Beautification GrantTAB "C"*

- B. **REDUCTION IN FORCE POLICY:** *Discussion*.....TAB “D”
- C. **DISCIPLINARY POLICY:** *Discussion*.....TAB “E”
- D. **BEREAVEMENT POLICY:** *Discussion*.....TAB “F”
- E. **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:** *Four Day Work Week*TAB “G”
- F. **ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE:** *Amendment*TAB “H”
- G. **BUDGET ORDINANCE:** *Reductions*TAB “I”
- H. **SATILLA PROBATION CONTRACT:** *Renewal*TAB “J”
- I. **SENIOR CENTER MARKET ANALYSIS:** *Councilmember Trader (ADDED)*
- IX. **REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT**TAB “K”
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- X. **REPORT OF MAYOR:**
- XI **REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:**

- XII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC**
- XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Legal***
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

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MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met for its regular City Council session on Monday, November 10, 2008 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE:

Mayor Rowland Eskridge
Councilmember Greg Bird
Councilmember William DeLoughy
Councilmember Chuck Trader
Councilmember Gull Weaver

ABSENT WERE:

Councilmember Deborah Hase
Councilmember Larry Johnson

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

William Shanahan, City Manager
Amanda Blackledge, City Attorney
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Wiley King, Building Director
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director
Chad Kinzly, Asst. Public Works Director
Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Roger Wooten, Asst. Police Chief
Jennifer Brown, Finance Director
Kim Dockery, Jr. Accountant
Alyce Thornhill, Economic Dev. Director
Janet Brinko, Tourism Director
Donna Folsom, HR Director
Nicole Goebel, IT Assistant
Bilal Muhammad, City Marshal
Richard Riggle, Sergeant-At-Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eskridge called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Manager Bill Shanahan gave the invocation. Mayor Eskridge led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Council roll call indicated a quorum of council members present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 27, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the October 27, 2008 regular City Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION:

Veterans Memorial Park Competition

The Planning Director announced the winning entry and honorable mentions in a contest to design a veteran's memorial adjacent to Howard Gilman Memorial Park. Certificates were presented to the following

First Place Award: Genesis Group – Joseph C Petrich, RLA and Marcus I. Carnegie
Honorable Mention Award: Verna J. (Jeanie) Shugart, Betty Marsen and Paula Armari

The Special Young Citizen Award was presented to Tara Louise Blecher (age 10) for her efforts on the design of the veteran's memorial park, which was provided by Celenda Perry.

BIS Digital: *Jade Coldren*

Mr. Coldren answered council's questions regarding the proposed recording and sound system for the court and council chamber. When using hanging microphones, numerous people are talking into one microphone. Channel separation is used with gooseneck microphones to filter out radio frequencies and isolate speakers. Gooseneck microphones are provided with filters to reduce noise.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD TERM EXPIRATIONS AND VACANCIES

Mayor Eskridge announced the term expirations and vacancies on the following boards:

- 3. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:** *Three Term Expirations & One Vacancy in December*
- 4. COASTAL RDC HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL:** *One Vacancy*
- 5. PLANNING COMMISSION:** *One Term Expiration*

The appointments will be filled at the next council meeting. Anyone interested in the appointments should provide a letter of intent to the City Clerk's office.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS TERM EXPIRATIONS AND VACANCIES

- 1. SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** *One Vacancy*

Mayor Eskridge stated that Ed Marx and Sue Saffold have expressed an interest in the Sr. Citizens Advisory Committee appointment. He requested one vote from each Councilmember. Voting was recorded as follows:

Ed Marx – Councilmember's Bird, DeLoughy and Mayor Eskridge

Sue Saffold – Councilmember's Trader and Weaver

The Mayor announced that Ed Marx was appointed to the Committee.

2. PLANNING COMMISSION: *One Vacancy*

Mayor Eskridge stated that Thomas Eskridge and Royal Weaver have expressed an interest in the Planning Commission appointment. He requested one vote from each Councilmember. Voting was recorded as follows:

Councilmember Weaver abstained

Thomas Eskridge – Councilmember Bird

Royal Weaver – Councilmember’s DeLoughy and Trader

The Mayor announced that Royal Weaver was appointed to the Committee and Thomas Eskridge’s letter of intent would be presented for the next appointment in December.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Peggy Hollis, resident thanked Mr. Shanahan, Mr. Muhammad and Mr. Trader for their quick responses regarding removal of the trash piles. Mrs. Hollis expressed concerns about the trash piles and offered her support. She also requested solicitation of Council’s support and ideas to stop the problem.

Councilmember Weaver commented that Ms. Hollis might be interested in the Keep Camden Beautiful Program. Mayor Eskridge stated that there were procedures put together today to help eliminate the problem.

Rosemary Rillo, resident addressed the trash issue and suggested ways to get information out to the community in the form of public service announcements and press releases through radio stations, newspapers, TV Camden and schools, free of charge. Another way to address the issue is to get involved with EarthKeepers.

Councilmember Weaver commented that education through our children will help educate their parents. Mayor Eskridge commented that another way to educate is to catch someone dumping and being fined. Councilmember DeLoughy stated that most residents do not realize bulk item pickup is free so it needs to be reaffirmed.

Jim Peterman, resident commended the Hollis’ for their time and effort put into their passion about our trash issue. Mr. Peterman suggested a line of communication between Council and citizens who are willing to help pick up trash and who to call.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. DIGITAL COURT AND COUNCIL CHAMBER RECORDING SYSTEM: *Bid Award*

Award a recording and sound system bid for the Municipal Courtroom and Council Chamber to BIS (Business Information Systems) Digital.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to award the digital court and council chamber recording system bid to BIS Digital. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. ETHICS ORDINANCE: *Second Reading*

Adoption of the revised comprehensive Ethics Ordinance as compiled by the Ethics Committee. Discussions began on the provisions allowing anonymous complaints and whether to reimburse members for legal expenses.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the Ethics ordinance as presented. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Councilmember Bird questioned the status of the City Charter on the section concerning attorney expenses. The City Attorney stated that she could not find where the section was referenced and sent an email asking Councilmember Bird to identify where it was stated. She did find where members were compensated for what they spend in relation to job duties. Additionally, the original ethics ordinance stated that an attorney could be hired but it did not mention that it would be paid with council approval. The City Manager stated that he directed the City Attorney to the section that he discussed with Councilmember Bird. Voting was recorded as follows:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>OPPOSED</u>
Councilmember DeLoughy	Councilmember Bird
Councilmember Trader	
Councilmember Weaver	

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION: *GDOT Roadside Enhancement & Beautification Grant*

Request the adoption of a resolution to make application for a \$50,000 Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to beautify the St. Marys Road corridor.

Councilmember Trader made a motion to approve the resolution for the GDOT Roadside Enhancement & Beautification Grant. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Councilmember's discussed beautifying the corridor from Exit 1 to St. Marys Road, to add Highway 40 in the future, mowing costs, and planting to eliminate mowing. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. REDUCTION IN FORCE POLICY: *Discussion (Postponed)*

C. DISCIPLINARY POLICY: *Discussion (Postponed)*

D. BEREAVEMENT POLICY: *Discussion (Postponed)*

The City Manager requested postponement of the Reduction in Force Policy, Disciplinary Policy and Bereavement Policy as recommended by the Personnel Committee Chairman Councilmember Johnson due to the large amount of responses. Additionally, Councilmember Johnson requested that the Personnel Committee meeting be moved from November 12th to November 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to move items B, C & D on the agenda to the Personnel Committee on November 19th at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

E. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: *Four Day Work Week*

Discussions were held to approve a 4-month trial basis of a four day work week due to economic conditions for all city facilities with the exception of police, fire and tourism. The City would save approximately \$50,000 in FY 09 on utilities, fuel, overtime, and wear and tear on vehicles and equipment. It would not only benefit the city, but also St. Marys' citizens by saving time and money with extended hours to allow bill paying before or after their normal work hours.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve for discussion. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. The Mayor and Councilmember's discussed not making a decision with a partial council present, daycare issues and staggering employee work times. The City Manager suggested meeting with each department to determine what works best as to not hurt employees or citizens. Councilmember DeLoughy withdrew the seconded to the motion.

Councilmember Trader suggested seeking public and employee input on whether or not the City should implement a four-day work week and whether some employees want to work four-days at 32 or 36 hours instead of 40 hours. Councilmember Weaver withdrew the original motion.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to postpone until the next meeting. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

F. ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE: *Amendment*

Discussions were held to adopt the revised administration ordinance that conflicts with the charter. Sections 2-50 (2 & 4) have been changed by revising the code as follows:

(2) Every ordinance before its introduction must be reduced to writing and before its passage must be read at one council meeting. Passage of ordinances shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the council members present.

(4) No ordinance shall be declared passed and become a law of the City unless it receives a majority of votes in favor of its passage.

These two sections will eliminate any confusion when voting on ordinances in the future.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the administration ordinance amendment as presented. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

G. BUDGET ORDINANCE: Reductions

Request Council's approval to adopt the 2009 Fiscal Year Budget adjustments. The adjustments include the following:

1. Merit freeze
2. Reclassification of full-time employees to part-time
3. Position reduction through attrition
4. Employee benefits
5. Reimbursement of the General Fund from Solid Waste for storm debris
6. Reimbursement of the General Fund from SPLOST for sidewalk and drainage labor

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the budget reductions ordinance. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Councilmember Trader commented that it is important to point out that \$2.2 million dollars has been cut out of the budget. He also commended everyone for their efforts for reducing the budget even though it has been difficult. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

H. SATILLA PROBATION CONTRACT: Renewal

Request Council's approval to renew the Satilla Probation contract for probation supervision and rehabilitation services for St. Marys Municipal Court.

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the renewal of the Satilla Probation contract. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Councilmember's discussed investigating alternative services through other companies; costs associated with minor infractions for fees, charges and penalties; and the Pre-Trial Probation Program to expunge records; last year's community complaints and their effects.

The Court Administrator stated that all companies would have the same fees associated with professional probation services because they are mandated by the state so it would fall back on the judge. The City Manager stated that there is a 30 day cancellation clause in the contract. There has been a big improvement with complaints in the court and probation services. Many changes and corrections were made over the last seven months when Council made their displeasure known.

Following much discussion, Councilmember Bird withdrew the motion. Councilmember DeLoughy withdrew the seconded to the motion.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to postpone to the first meeting in December to explore further options. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I. SENIOR CENTER MARKET ANALYSIS: Councilmember Trader (ADDED)

Councilmember Trader requested consideration of a proposal to have a market feasibility study completed regarding a full continual care and development of a retirement community. Much time has been spent wondering what could be done to bring in jobs and add to the tax base. This industry and the concept of a continual care facility not only consists of single family homes for retirees, but moves on to patio homes to senior condominiums and apartments to a senior assisted living center that is under one roof to include nursing care and eating facilities. It could also be used for apartment, condominium and patio home residents and move on to an Alzheimer's care center. There are a number of these communities being developed nationwide. The City could be proactive and become a leader in this industry to help St. Marys become known to attract developers who offer stages of lifestyles to aging seniors without forcing them to move from their neighborhoods. Before an investor or developer will consider a community, a demographic analysis needs to be done of the region. This analysis can be done in two steps with the first step costing approximately \$2,500. A second more detailed report would be done based upon the outcome of the first analysis that would be an additional \$4,000. It would provide the City with the ability to look at the demographics, to determine whether the City should merchandise St. Marys for this type of community.

Mayor Eskridge commented that it is an excellent idea but first, being a government, it must go out for bid. He further commented that he had a problem with the City possibly spending \$6,000 for a study, when our employees were put on part-time and put out of work. This item was not budgeted and should be considered at a later time when the City is financially able to go further than \$6,000. Therefore, recommended sending the issue to committee for review and recommendations to Council. The City Manager stated that the City has been contacted by a company that is doing exploratory research with Planning and Downtown Development Authority to see if they would be interested in St. Marys.

Councilmember's agreed that it should be reviewed by the Planning Committee.

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Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the subdivision, minor for W.H. Gross Construction. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the amendment to C-1 Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit to allow a daycare at 501 Osborne Street. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the annexation request of the City of St. Marys. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the annexation request of Joseph and Kisa Pendleton. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the rezoning request of Tri-City Land Development, Inc. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

October 10, 2008 – Attended the opening of the new wing at Magnolia Manor and EarthKeepers meeting

October 29, 2008 – Attended a ribbon cutting for Camden House's thrift store across the street from the former St. Marys Seafood.

November 6, 2008 – Met with a group regarding the pauper's graveyard and previewed the documentary film "Tale of Two Georgia's" at the park. Many graves of St. Marys Pauper's graveyard were not identified and the cemetery needed to be cleaned up. The City Manager stated that emails were forwarded to the Tourism Director and the Building Director to research grant information that would be no cost to the City.

November 8, 2008 – Attended Wounded Warriors Day with 300 to 400 people present. The WWII Submarine Veterans were in St. Marys and participated in the event. Mayor Eskridge appreciated the large contingent that came out of Fort Stewart's Wounded Transition Unit. He also thanked the City Clerk for all her hard work.

Mayor Eskridge read the calendar of events, meeting and activities.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

- Due to the hiring moratorium the City Manager requested advertising for a part-time position in the legal department because of the resignation of the staff assistant. He stated that some projects will not get done because of the extra duties as city solicitor and the pre-trial probation program.

The Mayor and Council discussed working 24 hours without benefits and first right of refusal from part-time terminated employees.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to hire a part-time person for 24 hours with no benefits. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- A contract was received from the Department of Transportation (DOT) in the amount of \$45,000 for the appraisal of the St. Marys Airport and the future airport. There is a 2.5% match, which is \$1,150. With the resolution that passed, the City cannot move forward unless it is at no cost to the City. The matching amount is forthcoming.

Councilmember Bird questioned at the time the application was made, whether there were matching funds required and where would the funding come from. The City Manager responded that when the application was made he was led to believe there were no matching funds required. Also, that the funds will probably come from the Community Action Group (CAG) organization but he is not 100% sure. Unless the City gets a match it will not move forward. Councilmember DeLoughy stated that the instructions were to move forward when the City receives the money. The Mayor stated that the word has been put out and if the funds do not come in, the City does not go any further.

- The finance audit begins on November 17th and the Finance Department is working hard to put everything together for the auditors as required by the new Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS) laws.
- On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, St. Marys will hold its first “boats only” flea market to buy, sell and trade boat parts on the vacant lot adjacent to the Oak Grove Cemetery.
- A Trash Action Plan was developed and it will be presented to the citizens he is meeting with for their comments. Then it will be brought to Council for review and recommendation. Councilmember Trader suggested forwarding the Plan to Council before the next meeting.

Councilmember Weaver read the following statement regarding Land Resource:

“My primary employment is with the United States Courts, specifically the United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division. My secondary employment is with the City of St. Marys as an elected official. The courts (at all levels) are neutral parties. Land Resource and their affiliates have filed multiple bankruptcy cases in the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Because of this situation, I feel it is best to remove myself from any discussions, deliberations or decisions concerning Land Resource until the conclusion of the cases.”

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Rosemary Rillo, resident questioned whether other municipalities have had success with a four-day work week and recommended input from the public. Ms. Rillo suggested researching the existing senior developments in Camden County to see how they are used, what do they provide are they successful and whether it would be a viable project for St. Marys.

Charles Reahberg, Master Meter addressed Council regarding the drive by system for water meter readings. The system provides data collection by the hour per day for six-months, tampering information and leaks. It is a fixed base system that could help with revenue problems. Mr. Reahberg offered \$75 credit for each of the city’s existing water meters on a lease

purchase with the first year free. All meters are warranted for 20 years. A copy of the cost comparisons is attached as part of the minutes. Councilmember Trader suggested sending this issue to the Finance Committee to analyze numbers for the water meters.

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled on November 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Economic Development Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Legal*

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal issues. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Mayor and Council adjourned to executive session at 7:28 p.m., returning at 7:41 p.m. with Mayor Eskridge calling the Council meeting back to order.

LEGAL

No official action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Bird made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Mayor Eskridge declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk